

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on May 18, 2011 has been entered.
2. Claims 1 through 3, 6 through 12, 16, 18, 24 through 28, 52 through 54, 57, 59, 60, 64, and 65 are allowable. The restriction requirements between the various species, as set forth in the Office actions mailed on August 19, 2008, December 31, 2008 and on May 13, 2010, has been reconsidered in view of the allowability of claims to the elected invention pursuant to MPEP § 821.04(a). **The restriction requirements are hereby withdrawn as to any claim that requires all the limitations of an allowable claim.** Claims 19 through 23, 29 through 47, 49 through 51, and 63 are directed to the various non-elected species no longer withdrawn from consideration because the claims require all the limitations of an allowable claim. However, claims 79 through 85 directed to the previously non-elected invention of Group II (see the Office action mailed on May 13, 2010) are still withdrawn from consideration because these claims do not require all the limitations of an allowable claim.

In view of the above noted withdrawal of the restriction requirement, applicant is advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application.

Once a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

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3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

4. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 79 through 85, drawn to an inventive method previously non-elected without traverse.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Cricic whose telephone number is 571-272-4909. The examiner works a flexible schedule, but can normally be reached weekdays between 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy J. Swann can be reached on 571-272-7075. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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